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1. ITINERARY DESCRIBED REF C AND CHARTS ACCOMPANYING A-3682 AND A-3685 INDICATE LIMITATION OF RESEARCH TO COASTAL AREAS OF CEBU AND NEGROS. AT MOMENT, WE NOT AWARE ANY SPECIFIC HAZARDS FROM INSURGENCY GROUPS IN THOSE AREAS. IT IS HIGHLY ADVISABLE, HOWEVER, THAT ALPHA HELIX DISCUSS EXACT ITINEARY WITH EMBASSY SO WE MAY RE-CONFIRM ALL CLEAR.

2. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY FURTHER CLEARANCE PROBLEMS ONCE SHIP ARRIVES CEBU-NEGROS AS SUGGESTED PARA 2, REF A. DFA HAS SENT FORMAL NOTE COMMUNICATING NSDB INTEREST IN CRUISES TO WHICH WE HAVE, AS AUTHORIZED, REPLIED POSITIVELY.

3. NSDB SHOULD BE DELIGHTED THAT SIO WILL NOW HOST THREE ON-BOARD SEMINARS PER REF B. TO HELP ENSURE MOST PRODUCTIVE PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING TOPICS TO BE COVERED AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE OF SHIPS ARRIVAL WHICH WE ASSUME FROM REF A IS AUGUST 12.
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